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Keynote Speaker Bios

We are delighted to welcome five leading thinkers and doers to the *Building Community Resilience* conference! Each speaker brings a wealth of knowledge and experiences from their respective corners of the world.

Daniel G. Pottle



Daniel G. Pottle is the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology/Ministerik kenaujaliginimmut, Inuliginimmut amma Kaujimattisinimmut for the Government of Nunatsiavut.

Sally Shortall



Sally Shortall has spent her academic career focused on the future of rural communities. Through her research we have enhanced understanding of rural development, farm families, the role of women on farms, community development, and social inclusion. Sally's research also bridges research and policy, having devoted time to understanding evidence-based policy and rural development policy. Sally's expertise in rural and regional development have been sought by leading national and international rural and regional development agencies, including the Scottish Government, European Parliament, European Commission, the Food and Agricultural Organization, and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. Sally is a Professor in Sociology at Queens University Belfast, United Kingdom.



Rob Snyder



Rob Snyder is responsible for working with island and remote coastal leaders to identify innovative approaches to community sustainability. In addition, he works with the Institute's energy, marine, education, community development, media, and economic development staff to structure responses to emerging challenges faced by these communities along the coast. Rob's background is in cultural anthropology, and his research focuses on informal science education, science technology and society, and the cultural politics of natural resource management. He has conducted research on these topics in Maine; the Rocky Mountain states; Quepos, Costa Rica; and Yunnan, China.

Kelly Vodden



Kelly Vodden is an Associate Professor (Research) with the Environmental Policy Institute and Division of Social Sciences at Grenfell Campus, Memorial University. She also serves as a Research Associate and advisor to Municipalities of Newfoundland and Labrador, a board member with Indian Bay Ecosystem Corporation, and a former board member with the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation. Kelly's research and publications relate to sustainable community and regional development, with a focus on rural, coastal, often natural resource-dependent communities.

Maura Walsh



Maura Walsh is the Chief Executive Office of IRD Duhallow in southwestern Ireland.



City of Summerside

Summerside, the gateway to the western end of the Island, is the second-largest municipality in Prince Edward Island. With a population of 15,000 people, it is a small city with a large-town feel. Built around the natural deep-water port, its history is steeped in wooden shipbuilding, silver fox trading, export of seed potatoes, and military service. In recent years it has become home to the aerospace industry, a community college, and some provincial and federal government services. It maintains its long-established role as an agricultural service town.

Summerside takes pride in being a working-class city where people still greet you on the street. Sports play a prominent role in the city culture and the art, theatre, music, and dance scene is ever evolving in vibrancy through venues such as The College of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts of Canada, Harbourfront Theatre, Spotlight Theatre, Centre Bell- Alliance, Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI, and Culture Summerside. Music of all genres is found throughout the city. The traditional old-world crafts are supported through various groups and organizations, with museums and art galleries and private craft outlets.

The historic district is intact and the tree-lined streets are a pleasure to walk, as is the 7-kilometre boardwalk along the waterfront which looks out over Bedeque Bay and the Indian Head Lighthouse where the sunrises and sunsets are world-class. The community is rich in stories drawn from our Native, Celtic, and Acadian traditions now fusing with newcomers.

The city, filled with public green space, is ever striving to be environmentally conscious. The pollution control centre was one of the earliest systems in Canada and is continuously updated; a state-of-the-art wind farm converts the ever-present wind into wind energy, and garbage is composted and recycled as part of the Island-wide Waste Watch program. A city transit bus has recently been introduced to give travel options, and most places can be reached with a short walk or bike ride.

The bounty of the Island's land and sea can be enjoyed in Summerside with fine meals of lobster, mussels, oysters, fish, and fresh beef and pork coupled with the harvest of the red Island soil.

Summerside is an easy place in which to find your way around and make yourself at home. Come, fill your boots!



Community Field Trips

As part of the Building Community Resilience Conference participants will have the opportunity to participate in one of three community tours. The community tours are an opportunity to explore how communities and regions in Prince Edward Island are becoming more resilient. The tours will take place during the afternoon of September 18.

Environmental Resilience

Partners: Kensington North Watersheds Association

Kensington North Watersheds Association (KNWSA), a community-based watershed group, is working towards resolving local issues related to maintaining ample supplies of clean water, soil conservation, enhancing fish and wildlife habitat, addressing climate change issues, and reducing nitrates in surface water and groundwater. KNWSA is one of many similar grassroots watershed groups on PEI that function effectively, and is a case study in how well-managed community groups, working with a variety of different organizations including government, academia, and the private sector, give hope for sustainable communities. Participants will travel from Summerside to Kensington to explore how residents are striving for land and water resilience, have an opportunity to connect with local leaders, and engage in a Town Hall forum. Transportation and snacks will be provided.

Economic and Cultural Resilience: Evangeline Region

Partners: Centre Expo-Festival/Centre Belle-Alliance

The Evangeline Region of Prince Edward Island (on the southwestern shore) is well-known for its Acadian culture and language, and for tying its cultural renaissance to economic activity. Community leaders have created museums that highlight the unique Acadian region, worked to preserve the music culture in the region, and have created numerous co-operatives that ensure that people are working together. Participants will travel from Summerside through the Evangeline region on a guided bus tour and will have the opportunity to disembark in various locations throughout the region and meet



with members of the Evangeline community. Transportation and snacks will be provided.

Indigenous Resilience: Lennox Island

Partners: Lennox Island First Nation

Lennox Island, on the northwest coast, is home to part of Prince Edward Island's Mi'kmaq community. They are a bridged community that has remained in place for generations, maintaining their cultural heritage and attracting visitors to both the Lennox Island Mi'kmaq Cultural Centre and St. Anne's Church. They also have a system for social and ceremonial fishing that allows them to maintain traditional access to their fisheries. Participants will travel from Summerside to Lennox Island to meet with community members and observe the ways in which the community has responded to changes. Transportation and snacks will be provided.

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Wednesday, September 16

Day One

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration Opens <i>Parlour Room, Loyalist Lakeview Resort</i>
3:00 pm	First Shuttle from Charlottetown Airport to Summerside <i>Shuttle will pick up from Confederation Centre at 2:30 pm in downtown Charlottetown.</i>
6:20 pm	Second shuttle from Charlottetown Airport to Summerside <i>Shuttle will pick up from Confederation Centre at 5:45 pm in downtown Charlottetown.</i>
6:30 pm	Registration opens at the Harbourfront Theatre
7:30 pm	Opening Reception: Globalization: Who's winning? Who's Losing? <i>Harbourfront Theatre, 124 Heather Moyses Drive (5-minute walk from the Loyalist Lakeview Resort)</i> Speakers: Sally Shortall Kelly Vodden Following the opening reception: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Publication Launch: <i>Place Peripheral</i> and Special Journal from Hólar conference• 10th Anniversary celebration of the North Atlantic Forum• <i>A cash bar will be held during the opening reception</i>



Thursday, September 17

Day Two

7:30 am	New Researchers Forum Co-hosted by the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation and the Rural Development Institute, Brandon University
8:30 am	Introductions and Welcome <i>Empire Room</i>
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Keynote #1: Indigenous Perspectives of Building Community Resilience Daniel G. Pottle, Government of Nunatsiavut
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Coffee Break and Poster Sessions
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Concurrent Paper Session #1 1A. Seasonal Economies <i>Empire Room 1</i> 1B. Resilience through Culture and Heritage <i>Empire Room 2</i> 1C. Climate Change <i>Bray Room</i> 1D. Fishing, Farming <i>Inn Keepers Room</i> 1E. Rural Vitality <i>Parlor Room</i> Rural Vitality – Nova Scotia (Gibson) Rural Vitality – Ireland (O’Keeffe) Helping Women Get on TRACK: Building Resiliency Through a Business Mentoring Program for PEI Women Entrepreneurs (McGowan et al.)
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch <i>Empire Rooms 1 and 2</i> The Future of Rural Policy in Canada Panel Discussion



1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Keynote Panel: Strategies for Building Community Resilience Rob Snyder, Island Institute (Maine) Maura Walsh (Ireland)
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Coffee Break and Poster Sessions
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Concurrent Paper Session #2 2A. Local Government Panel <i>Empire Room 1</i> 2B. Art and Community Development <i>Empire Room 2</i> 2C. Water, Energy, and Waste Management <i>Bray Room</i> 2D. International Perspectives on Farming <i>Inn Keepers Room</i> 2E. Community-based Research <i>Parlor Room</i>
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Annual General Meeting <i>Empire Room 1</i>
6:50 pm	Meet in the Loyalist front lobby
7:00 pm	Lobster Supper at Shipyard Market and Cultural Walk <i>Culture Summerside will provide a guided walk from the Loyalist Hotel to the Shipyard Market, approximately a 15-minute walk.</i>



Friday, September 18

Day Three

7:30 am – 8:30 am	North Atlantic Forum Governance Meeting
8:00 am	Bus for Summerside Energy Tour <i>Bus will depart from the front entrance of the Loyalist, and after the Energy Tour will deliver participants directly to Slemon Park for 9:00 am. Sign-up at the registration desk is required.</i>
8:30 am	Transportation to Slemon Park <i>Buses will meet at the entrance of the Loyalist starting at 8:20 am. We will not be returning to the Loyalist before departing for community tours.</i>
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Building Sustainable Communities – The Slemon Park Experience Panel discussion
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Guided tour of Slemon Park
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Coffee Break
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Concurrent Paper Session #3 3A. Governance, Regions, and Development <i>Harvard Room</i> 3B. Tourism and Culture <i>Lancaster Room</i> 3C. Climate Change <i>Neptune Room</i> 3D. Community Development <i>Labrador Room</i> 3E. Language and Identity <i>Lecture Theatre</i>
12:30 pm –	Lunch



1:30 pm *Lancaster Room*

1:30 pm – Community Field Trips

5:00 pm

Environmental Resilience

Please meet in Lancaster Room. This session will start with the Town Hall Forum, followed by the bus tour to Kensington and area.

Economic and Cultural Resilience

Please gather in Neptune Room prior to departure.

Indigenous Resilience

Please gather in Harvard Room prior to departure.

6:30 pm Conference Reception and Banquet

Centre Belle-Alliance, 5 Maris Stella Avenue, Summerside

Community Tour Reporting

CRRF Lifetime Member Award Presentation

Invitation to 2016 CRRF conference

Invitation to 2017 NAF conference

Live Music by Louise Arsenault, Helen Bernard, and Carolyn Bernard; Step-Dancing Demonstration; and Square Dancing

Buses to provide transportation back to Loyalist after Banquet ends



Saturday, September 19

Day Four

8:15 am –
9:45 am

Concurrent Paper Session #4

4A. Rural Education

Empire Room 1

4B. ICT, Microfinance

Empire Room 2

4C. Social Economy

Bray Room

4D. Food security

Inn Keepers Room

4E. Local Government and Data

Parlor Room

10:00 am –
11:30 am

Concurrent Paper Session #5

5A. Innovation

Empire Room 1

5B. Sports and Rural Resiliency

Empire Room 2

5C. Climate Change

Bray Room

5D. Resilience Planning

Inn Keepers Room

5E. Rural Youth

Parlor Room

11:45 am

Coffee Break and Hotel Check-out

During the break participants are encouraged to purchase coffee and snacks at the Summerside Farmers Market, taking place in the Holman Building adjacent to the Loyalist Lakeview Resort.

12:00 pm –
1:00 pm

Bus departs for Charlottetown

Please have all luggage and materials ready to board the bus at 11:30 am.

1:00 pm –
2:00 pm

Lunch and Conference Insights

Farm Centre in Charlottetown



2:00 - 2:30
pm

Conference closing announcements

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